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An event honoring the newspaper's 100th anniversary took place in Willow Springs on October 17 and a Bishops Conference and Catholic Mass were held in Chicago on October 18 to honor Draugas and Lithuania's millennium.

I ask you to join me in honoring Draugas for its dedication to reporting, community service, and the preservation of Lithuanian culture around the world.

HONORING REVEREND E.
THURMAN WALKER

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart, to report the passing of the Reverend E. Thurman Walker after a long illness. For more than 22 years, Reverend Walker was a leader in the city of San Antonio, first as assistant pastor and for the past 16 years as the senior pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

Under Reverend Walker's leadership, Antioch grew to three thousand members and opened the Christian Academy, a private school at the Church, in 1995, and the Antioch Community Transformation Network, an organization dedicated to community service, in 2000. Reverend Walker was the spiritual leader of his congregation, but he insisted that the church play a role in the whole community and in the daily lives of all San Antonians. The church has been a pillar in the San Antonio community for a long time, but its role and reach increased under Reverend Walker as well. He forged alliances with other churches, particularly through the Community Churches for Social Action, and with other religious and social service organizations and with the city's political and business leaders. As his wife, Jo Angelia Walker, recalled his words, "If the church is doing nothing to serve and minister to the community then we might as well lock up the doors, close down and go home!"

Reverend Walker gave a voice to so many different groups of people in San Antonio's community, uniting people around their shared ideals and helping them to productive discussions even when their views diverged, always seeking out the best path for every one. He touched the lives of so many men, women, and children during his too short life. Though he may be gone, that legacy will live on forever.

STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN
JOHN LEWIS ON THE GLOBAL
SYMPOSIUM OF PEACEFUL NA-
TIONS

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Global Symposium of Peaceful Nations and the countries awarded for being the most peaceful in the world.

Let me begin by congratulating those Nations that were selected to participate in the Symposium—Australia, Botswana, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Japan, Malawi, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Qatar, Singapore, Slovenia, South Korea, Uruguay, and Vietnam.

Earlier this year, I led a congressional delegation to India to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King's visit to follow in the footsteps of Gandhi. Soon afterwards, my good friend Mrs. Harriet Fulbright, widow of the late, great Senator J. William Fulbright, and her staff introduced me to the Global Peace Index and the Symposium.

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Peace will not come out of a clash of arms but out of justice lived and done by unarmed nations in the face of odds." As Mrs. Fulbright explained the symposium and the GPI, I was impressed by the methodology of the research, the focus on peace, and the true commitment to improving the global community.

Every year Vision of Humanity researchers develop the Global Peace Index, GPI, based on a variety of economic and analytical factors. The results are based on a variety of economic and social indicators that rank over 140 countries on their peacefulness and evaluate the economic benefit of peace. The Global Symposium of Peaceful Nations then brings together representatives from the two most peaceful countries in each of the nine global regions on the GPI.

While here, the delegates engage in comprehensive dialogue about how to build and maintain peace. The countries that participate in the forum have unique histories, perspectives, and domestic and regional realities, but they must be commended in their significant progress in combating domestic poverty and making strides towards creating more peaceful communities. Together, we have a collective responsibility to combat poverty and violence and promote peace, diplomacy, and stability.

I hope that all my colleagues will find time to review the report and the Symposium summary. Again, let me commend the Global Symposium for this international forum highlighting the strategies and benefits of global peace.

REVEREND JESSE JACKSON, SR.

HON. MELVIN L. WATT

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. WATT. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize to honor the outstanding achievements of Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.

Twenty-five years ago, Reverend Jackson took an historic step when he ran for President of the United States, becoming only the second African-American to run for that office. He received over eighteen percent of the total Democratic primary vote and won five primaries and caucuses.

The numbers, while impressive, don't begin to convey the broad impact of his candidacy. Reverend Jackson motivated millions of new voters to register to vote and become engaged in the electoral process. His example of hope and achievement reaffirmed the self-worth of an entire generation of young African-American men and women. His candidacy was not a compromised, watered-down one. It demanded publicly that the national political agenda include the issues affecting a "Rainbow Coalition" of individuals, including African-Americans, Hispanics, Arab-Americans, Asian-Americans, Native Americans, gays, lesbians, farmers, the poor and the working class, and it started a whole new public dialogue.

Reverend Jackson challenged us to think bigger and inspired many others to pursue careers in public service. He paved the way for many of us in this body to run for political office and laid the foundation for the candidacy, nomination and election of President Barack Obama, our most recent historic candidacy and election.

Rev. Jackson's place in American history was legend long before his presidential candidacy—through his activism at North Carolina A & T University and leadership of civil rights demonstrations in Greensboro, North Carolina, his work with Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the S.C.L.C. and the formation of Operation PUSH and the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. But his presidential run twenty-five years ago solidified his place in history and continues to be an inspiration for all Americans today.

Rev. Jackson, thank you for all that you have done.

HONORING ANNE BURKHOLDER

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Anne Burkholder, the Nebraska Cattlemen's Beef Association's Beef Quality Assurance Program Producer of the Year, for her dedication to ensuring Nebraska beef producers, practices ensure safe, wholesome, and quality beef and beef products.

Anne is a wife, mother of three young children, and a cattle feedyard owner and operator with 3,000 head of cattle. Anne grew up in urban West Palm Beach, Florida, before moving to Cozad, Nebraska where she became a key producer in Nebraska's cattle industry.

After she married her husband, Anne went from a neophyte ranch hand to becoming part owner and manager of one of the most progressive cattle feeding operations in Nebraska.

In her work, she has experienced every aspect of the feedyard business—from operating the feed truck, scooping bunks, cattle nutrition plans, vaccinations, you name it. Her determination and dedication to her family, community, and industry are nothing short of impressive.